

Custodial, Labor and Trades Branch
Unskilled and Semi-Skilled Labor Group

ZOO MAINTENANCE WORKER
05/88

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

under general supervision, performs manual and semi-skilled work in Zoo grounds, buildings and facilities; performs related duties as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Plants, transplants, prunes and trims trees, lawns and shrubs; waters, fertilizes and applies insecticides and herbicides to grounds according to instructions; performs assigned landscaping duties; picks up and removes trash and debris from Zoo grounds; cuts grass with power and/or hand mower.

Paints interiors and exteriors of buildings; repairs sidewalks and driveways using concrete and asphalt; follows oral and written instructions in the performance of basic carpentry, plumbing and electrical installation and repair, masonry and minor construction; performs required custodial duties; repairs, maintains and resets the time on the automatic sprinkler system; repairs fences and exhibit areas.

Operates a motor vehicle to transport new plants and construction materials and to pick up trash, weeds, limbs and other debris throughout Zoo grounds; uses hand and gardening tools in the performance of duties; maintains a log of duties performed.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience: Completion of the eighth grade and one year of experience in general building and grounds maintenance; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skills: Some knowledge of grounds and building maintenance; some knowledge of the use and care of lawn mowers and common hand and gardening tools; some knowledge of safe working practices and procedures.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to maintain logs; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and the public; ability to comply with safe working practices and procedures; ability to follow routine procedures for basic construction and maintenance techniques.

Skill in the use and care of lawn mowers and other hand and gardening tools.

Physical Requirements: Mobility within a zoo environment; exposure to wild and exotic animals; ability to lift and carry heavy objects (up to 50 pounds); ability to operate a motor vehicle; must work various shifts and weekends.

Licenses and Certificates: Texas Class "C" Driver's License or equivalent license issued by another state.

Director of Personnel

Department Head